



**East Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2015**

6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: George Kingston, Mary Ellen Goodrow, Ralph Page, Anthony Zampiceni,
Tom Wilson, Bill Caplin, Thomas Kaye, Tom O'Brien
Absent: Lynne Booth

The minutes of February 4, 2015 were approved as amended unanimously. They were amended to state that the Maple Shade swing sets are additional to and not replacement for existing equipment and to correct the date and the members present.

George submitted our votes from the last meeting to the capital planning committee. There was some question from them about the approval of an engineering study of Heritage Park.

The committee discussed the playscapes proposal for Mountainview. Members reviewed the written application submitted by the School Committee and the pictures and specifications of the proposed structures provided by Gordon Smith. Some concerns were voiced about the need to prioritize recreation needs before approving projects such as school playscapes. It was noted that an open space and recreation plan committee is being formed and will carry out the prioritization. There was discussion of accessibility and recreational use vs. school use. Also discussed were laws restricting community use during the school day (when students are outdoors). It was moved and seconded to recommend the Mountain View playscape. The committee voted unanimously against the motion so the proposal will not be recommended.

After a brief discussion repeating the concerns about the previous proposal and noting that the actual cost of the swing sets was \$6,846 with the remaining \$20,279 primarily for shipping and installation, it was moved and seconded to recommend the Mapleshade playscape. The committee voted unanimously against the motion so the proposal will not be recommended.

The committee discussed the proposed engineering study of Heritage Park for recreational use. The recreation director, Colin Drury, handed out copies of the written application and attachments. It was noted that no formal proposal to build a new town hall at the park has been put forward. It was also noted that this study will provide information for the open space and recreation plan. It was moved and seconded to recommend the engineering study. The committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposal.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15

Submitted by M. Goodrow